

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
Public Notice Announcement
Notice of Preparation of Environmental Impact Report
and Public Scoping Meeting

Northern California Re-Entry Facility
Stockton, California

What's Being Planned: Both the Governor's office and the Legislature recognize the need to more effectively supervise offenders and fulfill the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's (CDCR) commitment to public safety. Governor Schwarzenegger signed Senate Bill 943 on September 26, 2007, which subsequently became legislation (California Penal Code § 6275) authorizing the use of the former Northern California Women's Facility (NCWF) as a reentry facility for adult male inmates.

The goal of the re-entry facility is to house male inmates who are less than a year from their release date and are paroling to the counties of San Joaquin, Calaveras, and Amador. The facility would ease inmates' transition out of the prison system by providing counseling, job training, and housing placement services and improve public safety by reuniting families and providing job skills related to the local economy.

As authorized by CPC 6275, CDCR proposes converting 134 acres of state-owned property adjacent to the northeast corner of the Northern California Youth Correctional Center (NCYCC) into an adult male secure community re-entry facility, which would be called the Northern California Re-Entry Facility (NCRF), Stockton. This site was originally constructed to house the Northern California Women's Facility (NCWF). More recently, the project site was used as a correctional officer training academy called the Richard A. McGee Correctional Training Center Annex (CTCA), which closed in 2009. The site is currently unused and on-site structures are vacant but maintained.

Existing structures currently contain 400 cells. The proposed project would convert 300 single bed units and 100 double-bunked units for a total capacity of 500 inmates. The proposed facility would employ 381 staff distributed over three shifts. The proposed conversion would involve construction of an approximately 16,000 square foot single-story medical building, as well as renovation of buildings for facility program support services, dining and receiving, family visiting, academic and vocational education, and miscellaneous support services.

Perimeter security for the re-entry facility would include a lethal electrified fence that would be constructed within the existing double fence, and three armed perimeter guard towers. Other project improvements would include the construction, repair, or replacement of boundary line fencing, roads, parking, outer perimeter landscaping, recreation yard improvements, site grading, site lighting, storm drainage improvements, and extension of utilities to each building. CDCR would upgrade the prison's electrical supply and distribution system, water and wastewater supply, storage, treatment, and

disposal systems as part of this project. No new high-mast lighting would be added to the project site.

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines, CDCR (as lead agency) will be preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to evaluate environmental effects associated with the proposed re-entry facility. In accordance with Section 15082 of the CEQA Guidelines, CDCR has prepared a Notice of Preparation (NOP) and Initial Study to provide responsible and trustee agencies and other interested parties with information describing the proposed project and the CEQA topic areas that will be evaluated in the EIR.

The environmental issues to be addressed in the EIR will include, but not necessarily be limited to: air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, hazards and hazardous materials, transportation/traffic, aesthetics, light and glare, geology and soils, hydrology and water quality, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, utilities and service systems (water, wastewater, solid waste, etc.), greenhouse gas emissions, and cumulative and growth-inducing impacts.

Project Location: The proposed project site is located within the secure perimeter of the former Northern California Women's Facility and Richard A. McGee CTCA at 7150 East Arch Road, Stockton. The project site is a 134-acre property adjacent to the northeast corner of the NCYCC. The site is less than two miles east of State Route 99 immediately southeast of the Stockton city limit in unincorporated central San Joaquin County.

Scoping Meeting: CDCR is holding a public scoping meeting on **Wednesday, September 30, 2009 at 6:00 PM at the San Joaquin County Robert J. Cabral Ag Center, 2101 E. Earhart Avenue, Stockton 95206.** The public scoping meeting is intended to receive comments on the scope and content of the environmental information CDCR will address in the EIR for the proposed project.

Where to Review the NOP and Provide Comments: Copies of the NOP and Initial Study are available for review at the following locations:

Clerk-Recorder, Amador County
810 Court Street
Jackson, CA 95642

Clerk-Recorder, Calaveras County
891 Mountain Ranch Road
San Andreas, CA 95249

San Joaquin County Clerk
Pacific State Bank Building
6 South El Dorado Street, Second Floor Stockton, CA 95202

San Joaquin County Library
605 N. El Dorado Street

Stockton, CA 95202

City Clerk, Stockton City Hall
425 N. El Dorado Street
Stockton, CA 95202

Comments regarding the scope and content of environmental information CDCR should address in the EIR for the proposed project may be submitted in writing via mail, e-mail, or fax any time during the 30-day scoping period. The NOP and Initial Study are available for a 30-day public review period from **September 17, 2009** to **October 19, 2009**. Comments should be submitted no later than **October 19, 2009**. Comments may be sent to:

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